

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**ACTS AND RESOLVES**  
AS PASSED BY THE  
**Ninety-second and Ninety-third**  
**Legislatures**  
OF THE  
**STATE OF MAINE**

**From April 22, 1945 to May 14, 1947**  
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As Passed by the Ninety-third Legislature

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burse the departmental garage legislative fund for all costs incident to the purchase, maintenance and operation of such cars; provided that no costs or overhead charges incident to other highway or motor transport operations shall be included.

All state owned cars under the control of the supervisor of travel shall display a marker or insignia, approved by the secretary of state, plainly designating them as state owned vehicles.'

Effective August 13, 1947

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## Chapter 391

AN ACT Relating to the Advisory Council for the Hospital Survey Act.

*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 22, § 25-C, additional. Chapter 22 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 25-C, to read as follows:

'Sec. 25-C. Advisory hospital council. The governor, with the advice and consent of the council, shall appoint an advisory hospital council to advise and consult with the department of health and welfare in carrying out the administration of sections 25-A to 25-C, inclusive. The council shall consist of 8 members and shall include the commissioner of health and welfare, ex officio, and shall include at least 1 member of the Maine medical association and at least 1 osteopathic physician and representatives of non-government organizations or groups, and of state agencies, concerned with the operation, construction or utilization of hospitals, including representatives of the consumers of hospital services selected from among persons familiar with the need for such services in urban or rural areas. The chairman shall be appointed by the governor. Each member shall hold office for a term of 4 years, except that any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which his predecessor was appointed, shall be appointed for the remainder of such term and the terms of office of the members first taking office shall expire, as designated at the time of appointment, 1 at the end of the 1st year, 2 at the end of the 2nd year, 2 at the end of the 3rd year, 2 at the end of the 4th year, after the date of appointment. Council members, while serving on business of the council, shall receive no compensation but shall be entitled to receive actual and necessary travel and subsistence expenses while so serving away from their places of residence. The council shall meet as frequently as the chairman deems necessary but not less than once each year. Upon request by 2 or

more members, it shall be the duty of the commissioner to call a meeting of the council.'

**Sec. 2. Appropriation.** There is hereby appropriated from the general fund of the state the sum of \$3,500 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948, and the sum of \$3,500 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949, to carry out the provisions of sections 25-A to 25-C, inclusive.

Effective August 13, 1947

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## Chapter 392

### AN ACT to Create a Legislative Research Committee.

*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

**Sec. 1.** R. S., c. 9, §§ 23-33, repealed and replaced. Sections 23 to 33, inclusive, of chapter 9 of the revised statutes are hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'**Sec. 23.** Legislative research committee; membership. There is hereby created a legislative research committee which shall consist of 3 senators to be appointed by the president of the senate, and 7 representatives to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives during each regular session.

**Sec. 24.** Term of office; vacancies. Members of the committee shall hold office from the date of their appointment until the final adjournment of the next succeeding regular session of the legislature following their appointment. Any vacancy arising in the membership from the senate shall be filled by the president of the senate and any vacancy arising in the membership from the house of representatives shall be filled by the speaker of the house of representatives.

**Sec. 25.** Authority; studies; purposes. The committee shall have authority:

- I. To collect information concerning the government and general welfare of the state;
- II. To examine the effects of constitutional provisions and previously enacted statutes and recommend amendments thereto;
- III. To study the possibilities for consolidation in state government, for elimination of all unnecessary activities and of all duplication in office personnel and equipment, and for the coordination of departmental activities, and for methods of increasing efficiency and economy;